

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

By Camper

A RESOLUTION to honor Tony Pollard on being named to the 2023 NFL Pro Bowl.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor an outstanding ambassador of this State for his accomplishments on the football field; and

WHEREAS, Tony Pollard, a running back for the Dallas Cowboys, was named to his first NFL Pro Bowl after tallying more than 1,000 rushing yards for the season, only the ninth player in the Cowboys' history to reach the mark; and

WHEREAS, this year's Pro Bowl Games will take place at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sunday, February 5, 2023, and will be televised live by ESPN/ABC; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Tony Pollard played high school football at Melrose High School; as a senior, he was a two-way starter at wide receiver and cornerback and helped the team reach the playoffs, while making over 1,200 receiving yards, twenty touchdowns, and being named All-District 16-AAA; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pollard accepted a football scholarship from the University of Memphis and became one of the best kickoff return specialists in college football, tying a Football Bowl Subdivision record with seven career kick-return touchdowns and eighty-seven kickoff returns, 2,616 kickoff return yards, a 30.1 kick-return average, and 4,680 all-purpose yards; and

WHEREAS, after declaring for the NFL Draft on January 11, 2019, Tony Pollard was selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the fourth round of the 2019 NFL Draft; and

WHEREAS, in his rookie season, he finished with eighty-six carries for 455 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns to go along with fifteen receptions for 107 receiving yards and one receiving touchdown; Mr. Pollard finished the 2020 season with 101 carries for 435

rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns to go along with twenty-eight receptions for 193 receiving yards and one receiving touchdown; and

WHEREAS, after his stellar 2021 season, expectations were high coming into 2022, but Tony Pollard's momentum proved unstoppable; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pollard's many accomplishments are most worthy of our approbation, and it is fitting that we salute this outstanding player, who has excelled time and again on the football gridiron; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Tony Pollard upon his selection to the 2023 NFL Pro Bowl and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success on the gridiron and in life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.